***2011 H.A.P.P.Y. Activities-Arlington High School***

HAPPY Members: We are looking ahead to the last 5 months of the school year and we really want to take a few steps to move this organization ahead as a legitimate school organization. I have three ideas in place but they will need your cooperation to make them happen and we will have to get to work as soon as we get back from Christmas Break. Please take this home and talk to your families to see if there are those within your home that can help us in any way. Without some parental assistance these projects cannot happen. Something else you need to keep in mind. WE MUST BUILD OUR CLUB FUND BACK UP. ALL OF YOU BENEFITED FROM THE MONEY THAT WAS ALREADY IN OUR ACCOUNT TO GO TO THE HAPPY WEEKEND. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT SOME OF THAT MONEY BACK TO HELP FUTURE CLUB MEMBERS GO TO THIS EVENT: REMEMBER TO PAY FORWARD!

***February: (FUND RAISER)*** You suggested a food fundraiser around Valentine’s Day and Mrs. Kubbs liked it. We would like to do Chocolate Covered Pretzel Rods. We would dip pretzel rods in chocolate and then cover them with red, white, and pink sprinkles. We would bag them in clear plastic with red ribbon ties in sets of two and sell them for $1 a bag. Students can buy them for themselves daily during lunch leading up to Valentine’s Day or have them delivered to their special someone at the end of the day on Valentine’s Day. I will do some work on order forms and dates but I need your help. We would need a couple parent volunteers to come in a week before we begin our sales (possibly late January) to help us in the process of dipping, decorating, and bagging. Also (given our limited funds) if any parents would like to donate materials such as bags of pretzel rods, sprinkles, clear bags/ribbon ties, etc let me know. I know there are some moms out there with cooking skills that can help us as well. We did this at Old Fort and it was typically a good project that got the students and parents involved in a fun way. Students would be required to sell the pretzel treats during Jr. High/High School lunch and assist in the preparing and delivery process.

***March: (Community Service):*** We will be taking a Saturday in late March/Early April to assist in getting the Arlington Park ready for spring and summer activities. I will be in contact with park officials to find out what we can do to help out and a day that we can get our hands dirty for a few hours. Remember it is always important to “pay forward”!

***April: (Club Sponsored Activity):*** It has been a while since we have had a Jr. High Dance around here and many of you suggested sponsoring such an event. Mrs. Kubbs loved this idea as well. We would like to pick a Saturday in April to sponsor a dance for Jr. High students at the high school. This would require advertising the event around the school (making flyers), selling presale tickets, donating snacks and making punch, FINDING A DJ, and staying afterwards to help clean up. If anyone has a family member who would not mind volunteering their services as a DJ, that would be great.

LASTLY, this spring we are looking for some new members to add that will be part of the organization next year as well. My focus would like to be on the 7th Grade. I would like each 7th grader (Zachary, Alyssa, and Shayna) to bring me 3 names each of 7th graders they think might be interested in joining HAPPY. I would like you to talk to them about the club and what it is we stand for and what it is we hope to accomplish at school. I would like those names the first week we get back from break.

So please talk with your families, bring me your ideas, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I really think all of you have the opportunity to usher in something very special at Arlington that will continue to carry on years after you have graduated.

Have a great Holiday Break

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